

CLAIM AMENDMENTS

1 - 13 (canceled)

14 (previously presented): The combination according to Claim 23 wherein said bracket base comprises a double-sided plate, one of the sides of said plate comprising said bracket base surface bearing against the structural member and the other of the sides of the plate engaging a washer disposed above said plate.

15 (previously presented): The combination according to Claim 23 wherein said first and second connection portions comprise connector plates integrally attached directly to opposed side edges of said bracket base and extending outwardly therefrom.

16 (previously presented): The combination according to Claim 23 wherein said first and second connector portions comprise connector plates respectively integrally attached directly to said first and second bearing elements and extending outwardly therefrom.

17 (original): The combination according to Claim 14 wherein said bracket additionally comprises at least one washer abutment member projecting upwardly from the other of said sides engaging the washer to prevent rotation of the washer relative

to said bracket.

18 (canceled)

19 (previously presented): The combination according to Claim 24 wherein said structural element comprises a hanger rod and wherein said structural member comprises a channel member having two side channel member walls, a bottom channel member wall and inturned lips at tops of the side channel walls defining an elongated opening communicating with the interior of the channel member, said bracket base surface contacting the channel member inturned lips and said first bearing element projecting into the interior of the channel member through said elongated opening and bearing against said channel member inturned lips.

20 - 22 (canceled)

23 (previously presented): In combination:

a structural element;

a structural member; and

a bracket of integral construction connecting said structural member to said structural element and stabilizing the structural member against movement, said bracket comprising, in combination:

a bracket base defining a bracket base opening receiving the structural element and including a bracket base surface bearing against the structural member at a first location on the structural member;

a first connector portion extending away from said bracket base in a first direction and defining an aperture for interconnecting the first connector portion to a first stabilizing cable under tension;

a second connector portion extending away from said bracket base in a second direction and defining an aperture for interconnecting the second connector portion to a second stabilizing cable under tension; and

a first bearing element connected to said bracket base and including a first bearing element surface bearing against the structural member at a second location on the structural member, said first bearing element surface being angularly disposed relative to said bracket base surface and for transferring force from said bracket to the structural member to prevent relative rotation between said bracket and the structural member, said structural element comprising a hanger rod and said bracket base comprising a plate having a plurality of plate edges, said bracket base opening comprising a slot open

at one of the edges and extending inwardly therefrom, said slot enabling the bracket to be slid in place on the hanger rod from a side of the hanger rod.

24 (previously presented): In combination:

a structural element;

a structural member; and

a bracket of integral construction connecting said structural member to said structural element and stabilizing the structural member against movement, said bracket comprising, in combination:

a bracket base defining a bracket base opening receiving the structural element and including a bracket base surface bearing against the structural member at a first location on the structural member;

a first connector portion extending away from said bracket base in a first direction and defining an aperture for interconnecting the first connector portion to a first stabilizing cable under tension;

a second connector portion extending away from said bracket base in a second direction and defining an aperture for interconnecting the second connector portion to a second stabilizing cable under tension; and

a first bearing element connected to said bracket base and including a first bearing element surface bearing against the structural member at a second location on the structural member, said first bearing element surface being angularly disposed relative to said bracket base surface and for transferring force from said bracket to the structural member to prevent relative rotation between said bracket and the structural member, said bracket additionally comprising a second bearing element connected to said bracket base and spaced from said first bearing element, said second bearing element having second bearing element surface bearing against the structural member at a third location on the structural member, said second bearing member surface being angularly disposed relative to said bracket base surface and for transferring a force from said bracket to the structural member to prevent relative rotation between the bracket and the structural member, said structural element comprising a hanger rod and said structural member comprising a channel member having two side channel member walls, a bottom channel member wall and inturned lips at tops of the side channel member walls defining an elongated opening communicating with the interior of the channel member, said bracket base surface contacting the channel member inturned lips

and said first and second bearing elements engaging the two side channel member walls.

25 (previously presented): In combination:

a structural element;

a structural member; and

a bracket of integral construction connecting said structural member to said structural element and stabilizing the structural member against movement, said bracket comprising, in combination:

a bracket base defining a bracket base opening receiving the structural element and including a bracket base surface bearing against the structural member at a first location on the structural member;

a first connector portion extending away from said bracket base in a first direction and defining an aperture for interconnecting the first connector portion to a first stabilizing cable under tension;

a second connector portion extending away from said bracket base in a second direction and defining an aperture for interconnecting the second connector portion to a second stabilizing cable under tension; and

a first bearing element connected to said bracket base and including a first bearing element surface bearing against the structural member at a second location on the structural member, said first bearing element surface being angularly disposed relative to said bracket base surface and for transferring force from said bracket to the structural member to prevent relative rotation between said bracket and the structural member, said bracket additionally comprising a second bearing element connected to said bracket base and spaced from said first bearing element, said second bearing element having a second bearing element surface bearing against the structural member at a third location on the structural member, said second bearing member surface being angularly disposed relative to said bracket base surface and for transferring a force from said bracket to the structural member to prevent relative rotation between the bracket and the structural member, said structural element comprising a hanger rod and said structural member comprising a channel member having two side channel member walls, a bottom channel member wall and inturned lips at the tops of the side channel member walls defining an elongated

opening communicating with the interior of the channel member,
said bracket base surface contacting the bottom channel member
wall and said first and second bearing elements engaging the two
side channel member walls.